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**ATTACHMENT A (GAAR)**  
**SPECIFIC PROVISIONS FOR COMMERCIAL SERVICES**  
**GATES OF THE ARCTIC NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE**  
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The following specific provisions (in addition to all standard and general provisions provided in Exhibits A and B) are applicable to those commercial activities and areas authorized in your Incidental Business Permit:

1. A current, signed and approved Incidental Business Permit must be carried by each permit holder (or their employees) operating within the boundaries of the park. A reproduction is acceptable. This permit must be presented to any park employee on demand.
2. Commercial operators in Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve are required to ensure that all clients utilizing any park or preserve lands receive a Visitor Safety and Leave No Trace orientation. Orientations are available in person during regular business hours at Bettles Ranger Station, Coldfoot Visitor Center, Anaktuvuk Pass Ranger Station (when staffed), and during regular business hours via telephone to the Bettles Ranger Station (800-478-5494 from any location in Alaska. Commercial operators must contact the Bettles Ranger Station if none of these options are available to your clients. Commercial operators may be authorized to conduct their own orientation with their clients in lieu of this requirement following consultation with and approval by the Chief of Operations.
3. All Big Game Transporters must submit a copy of their Big Game Commercial Services Board Transporter Activity Report to Roger Semler, Chief of Operations, Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve, P.O. Box 26030, Bettles Field, Alaska 99726 by February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
4. Air transporters may not deliver an object (including food drops) by airborne means, except in emergencies involving public safety or serious property loss [36 CFR 2.17].
5. Permit holders may not deliver or leave unattended food, equipment or supplies, except in emergencies involving public safety; or when they are associated with an on-going trip and/or occupied campsite, without the expressed approval of the Park Chief of Operations. Approval to leave unattended food will generally be contingent on the ability to secure the unattended food in a bear resistant manner.
6. Commercial river float trips are limited to a maximum party size of 10 persons, including guides and boatmen.
7. Commercial backpacking trips (including side trips taken by river float parties) and trips utilizing land based "base camps" are limited to a maximum of 7 persons, including guides.
8. Utilization of landing areas/airstrips is at the pilot's discretion. Improvements to or enlargements of landing sites and gravel bars are not permitted. The construction of new landing areas is prohibited.

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9. The following provisions apply to all activities:

- Durable surfaces should be sought out when selecting campsites. Gravel bars, sand bars, snow, dry grasses, and bedrock offer the best choices.
- The following camping practices are prohibited: Digging or leveling the ground at a campsite; leaving camping equipment, site alterations, or refuse after departing from the campsite; camping within 100 feet of a flowing stream, river or body of water, except as designated \* [36 CFR 2.10]. \* Sand and gravel bars located less than 100 feet from a body of water are designated as appropriate campsites when they afford the most durable surface available.
- Camps may remain in place no longer than 5 days unless prior approval has been obtained from the Park Chief of Operations. Permanent or semi-permanent camps are not allowed. Any camp improvements must be dismantled prior to departing from the campsite.
- Human body wastes shall be disposed of further than 100 feet from a water source, high water mark of a body of water, or a campsite [36 CFR 2.14]. Solid human waste should be deposited in a small cathole (6-8" deep) whenever possible. All toilet paper should be burned or packed out. Dog waste must be scattered at least 100 feet from water sources (lakes, streams, and rivers).
- The use of a self-contained stove is strongly encouraged for cooking. Wood fires are discouraged, but if necessary only down and dead may be used for firewood. When fires cannot be built on gravel bars, a fire pan or fire retardant cloth should be used to contain the fire. All evidence of a campfire must be obliterated prior to departing the campsite.
- All trash, garbage, and leftover food must be packed out. Do not bury trash. Leftover food should not be buried, burned or discarded into waterways.
- Adequate precautions shall be taken to guard against human/bear encounters. Unattended food caches are not permitted, except when they are associated with an on-going trip and/or occupied campsite or secured in a bear resistant manner. Unattended food and garbage must be properly secured from bears and other wildlife by using National Park Service (NPS) approved bear resistant food containers; suspending items at least 10 feet off the ground and 4 feet horizontally from a tree trunk; or by other techniques subject to NPS approval. The following types of bear resistant food containers are currently approved: a) Garcia Machine canisters, b) Wild Ideas "Bearikade" canisters, c) steel drums with lockable lever ring closure system. Other types of containers may be approved following inspection by the NPS.

10. The following provisions apply to commercial winter activities (primarily dog sled trips):

- The use of a snowmobile is permitted when it accompanies guided clients on winter dog sled trips for safety and logistical support; i.e. hauling gear or sick/injured clients, or breaking trail for a dog team. The permit holder may also request to use snowmobiles to break or set trail prior to conducting guided dog sled trips; with the dates, route, and number of machines used subject to the expressed approval of the Park Chief of Operations. This practice is limited to a maximum of one time per season. Snowmobiles providing logistical support for commercial dog sled trips may only be operated by employees of the permit holder and must use routes where sufficient snow cover exists to prevent vegetation damage and minimize personal safety hazards. Snowmobile use is not permitted for the support of other commercial winter activities, i.e. cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, mountaineering, or snowmobile tours.
- Sled dogs will be staked out on a picket cable or similar gangline, and not tied individually to trees. Dog food should be heated with a stove.
- Solid human waste should be packed out and toilet paper should be burned or packed out.
- Dog waste should be scattered further than 300 feet from any water source (lake, stream, river, etc.).